

8.6.4.11 Runby

A question has been brought up as to the department's position on the requirements for bottom car and counterweight runby for electric elevators and the following rule.

ASME A17.1 8.6.4.11.1

"The car and counterweight runby shall be permitted to be reduced (see 2.4.2), provided the car or counterweight does not strike the buffer, the top car clearances are not reduced below that required at the time of installation or alteration, and the final terminal stopping device is still operational (see also 8.6.3.3.3)."

Prior to the adoption of ASME A17.1 - 2000 on April 1, 2004, the department's position was such that the minimum runby based on the requirements of the code at the time of initial installation was to be maintained throughout the life of the elevator. With the adoption of A17.1 – 2000 that included numerous retroactive requirements in Section 8.6 - Maintenance, it is the department's position is that all would apply unless specifically addressed in Comm 18.

This will remain the department's position until the department accepts a change or later interpretation to this code requirement.

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